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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated April 1, 2008, having a shortened period for response that was set to expire on July 1, 2008, and in support of the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, Applicants hereby submit the following amendment with accompanying remarks. Entry of this response and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this amendment is being transmitted via facsimile to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on July 1, 2008 at facsimile number (571) 273-8300:

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